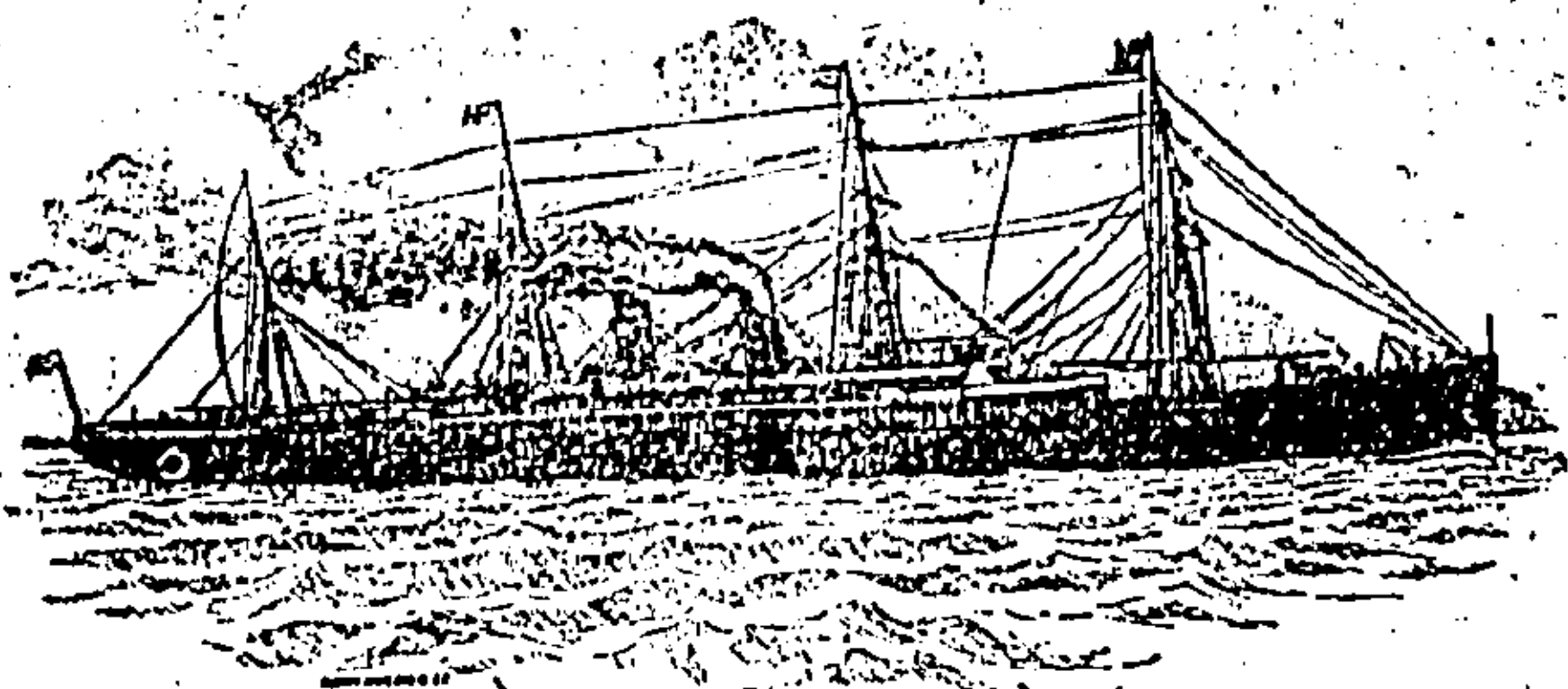


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Hongkong, 16th January, 1903.

Intimations.

THE WEST POINT BUILDING
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NOTICE is hereby given that the FOURTEENTH ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICES, Victoria Buildings, on MONDAY, the 26th January, 1903, at 11.45 o'clock A.M., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1902.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, the 17th January, to MONDAY, the 6th January, 1903, (both Days inclusive), during which period no Transfer of Shares can be Registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
A. SHELTON HOOPER,
Secretary to

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT
AND AGENCY CO., LTD.
General Agents for
THE WEST POINT BUILDING
CO., LIMITED.

Hongkong, 7th January, 1903. 28e

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT
AND AGENCY CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the FIFTEENTH ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICES, Victoria Buildings, on MONDAY, the 26th January, 1903, at 12 o'clock NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1902.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, the 17th January, to MONDAY, the 26th January, 1903, (both Days inclusive), during which period no Transfer of Shares can be Registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
A. SHELTON HOOPER,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 7th January, 1903. 123e

THE HONGKONG LAND RECLAMATION CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the SECOND ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICE, Victoria Buildings, on MONDAY, the 26th January, 1903, at 12.30 o'clock P.M., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts for the Period ending 31st December, 1902.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 19th January, to MONDAY, the 26th January, (both Days inclusive) during which Period no Transfer of Shares can be Registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
MOWBRAY S. NORTHCOTE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 13th January, 1903. 49e

HONGKONG BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the above SOCIETY will be held on TUESDAY, the 27th January, at 12 o'clock in the CITY HALL.

The Public are invited to attend.
B. S. POATE,
Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, 14th January, 1903. 52e

THE KOWLOON LAND AND BUILDING CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the FOURTEENTH ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICES, Victoria Buildings, on MONDAY, the 26th February, 1903, at 12 o'clock NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1902.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, the 21st January, to MONDAY, the 26th February, (both Days inclusive), during which period no Transfer of Shares can be Registered.

A. SHELTON HOOPER,
Secretary to the
Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Co., Ltd.,
General Agents for
The Kowloon Land and Building Co., Limited.

Hongkong, 19th January, 1903. 179e

HONGKONG, CANTON AND MACAO STEAMBOAT CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE SEVENTY-THIRD ORDINARY HALF-YEARLY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the OFFICE of the Company, No. 18, Bank Buildings, Queen's Road Central, on SATURDAY, the 7th February, at 12 o'clock NOON, for the purpose of receiving a Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts, declaring a Dividend, confirming the Appointment of a Director and electing Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 24th of January to the 7th February, inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
T. ARNOLD,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 17th January, 1903. 163e

HONGKONG, CANTON AND MACAO STEAMBOAT CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of THE HONGKONG, CANTON AND MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED, will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICES in Bank Buildings, Victoria, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 7th February, 1903, at 12.15 o'clock P.M., or so soon as the Ordinary Half-Yearly Meeting to be held at 12 o'clock NOON on that day shall be concluded when the SUBJOINED RESOLUTION will be proposed. Should the Resolution be passed by the required majority it will be submitted for confirmation as a SPECIAL RESOLUTION to a Second Extraordinary Meeting which will be subsequently convened.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION:
That the Articles of Association be altered in manner following:—

(a) In Article (79) the word "nine" shall be substituted for the word "seven".

(b) In Article (83) the words "nine thousand" shall be substituted for the words "seven thousand".

By Order of the Board of Directors,
T. ARNOLD,
Secretary.

Dated the 17th January, 1903. 164e

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Hongkong, 3rd December, 1902. 119

Intimations.

THE FUNJOM-MINING COMPANY,
LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that at a Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Company, held at the Company's Office, No. 13, Beaconsfield Arcade, Victoria, Hongkong, on MONDAY, the 5th day of January, 1903, the following Resolution was passed:—

"That in pursuance of the Special Resolution passed on the 11th day of November, 1902, and confirmed on the 27th day of November, 1902, a Call of £1.00 per Share be made upon all holders of Ordinary Shares in the above Company, and the same is hereby made. Such Call to be paid to the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, at their Premises, Queen's Road Central, Victoria, Hongkong, on or before the 9th day of February, 1903."

And Notice is also given that in accordance with Article 24 of the Company's Articles of Association, interest at the rate of 5 per centum per Annum will be charged upon all Calls remaining unpaid after the 9th day of February, 1903, up to the actual dates of payment of the same.

Shareholders are requested to note that, upon presentation at the Office of the Company of the Bankers' Receipt for payment of the Call, and surrender of existing Certificates of the Shares pertaining thereto, new Share Certificates will be issued bearing an endorsement of the payment of the said Call.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
W. KERFOOT HUGHES,
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Hongkong, 6th January, 1903. 21e

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Hongkong, 19th January, 1901. 77e

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Harbour Department,
Hongkong, 15th January, 1903. 58e

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OUR LONDON LETTER.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

LONDON, December 12th.
A STARTLING WESTERN INNOVATION
IN P. RSIA.

Since that autocratic monarch, the Shah, was in London, he has startled his subjects with what they regard as a reckless introduction of Western reforms. At one fell swoop he has given the congé to 1,640 of his wives, leaving his harem in possession of 60 picked favorites. The people of Teheran are convinced, so the latest advices say, that Persia is in for a period of decline under such decadent ruling. They say no self-respecting ancestor of Muzaffer-ed-Din has ever had less than 1,500 wives.

The severe weather makes it imperative that I should again touch on the distress among the poor. The loss of work owing to the termination of the war made the arsenals and other establishments of war material turn out thousands of men. Trade has been in many sections of commerce anyway, and to the workers thus set at liberty have been added the reservists returned from South Africa. Despite the promises made in the height of the war, employers are not taking men back into their old places in a large proportion of cases. While reservists are starving the comfortable bureaucrats in the War Office go on their sluggish way. It must not be supposed that the public is entirely unconcerned. For instance, the *Daily Telegraph* commenting on a particularly hard case of this class remarks—

"To help a trooper in Kitchener's Horse out of the poor-box because Pall Mall does not pay its debts is nothing short of a scandal. In truth the whole situation of the discharged soldier is pitiable and humiliating beyond words. Possibly it is not our fault that

are suddenly thrown without employment into our midst. But it will be our fault, and also our disgrace, if now that we know life facts, and are aware of our obligations, we do not, each and all, do everything in our power to succour those who succoured England when she asked their aid, and who are now face to face with no reward for their fearless and self-sacrificing efforts than the mournful hospitality of the workhouse."

The price of bread has gone up in London to add to the suffering of the poor. The workhouses and the charitable societies are overtaxed with applicants for relief.

Next year we are to have a visit from a team of Fiji cricketers. They are fifteen in number and will arrive in April. For a time they will be located in Devonshire, where they can have practice and become acclimated in a mild atmosphere. Matches have been arranged with Surrey, Somerset, and London County. They will also visit Edinburgh, Scarborough, Aberdeen, and Dublin. After expenses are paid the charities in Fiji will benefit to the full extent of the profits.

Apart from the bad times, there is no denying that the Government is not at present as strong in the country as it is in the House of Commons. The visit of Mr. Chamberlain to South Africa removes their best fighting men, but even before he went the Government had one or two close shaves in divisions on various measures. On the Rating of Machinery Bill the majority was only 35; the Local Government Bill 22; the Education Bill 43; Home Office Labour Regulations in Fruit Preserving Industry 12; London Water Bill 29; Martial Law Commission 46; and on Wednesday night in the Militia Bill 30. What their supporters hope is that Mr. Chamberlain will achieve a brilliant success at the Cape; and as to their unpopular actions they hope that time will cure the anger of the country.

The Militia Bill aimed at giving the War Office power to dispense with the ordinary military provisions that regulate the training of the Reserves of the Militia and Yeomanry, and to transfer any man in a Reserve Division from one corps of Yeomanry to another. Lord Charles Beresford was among the critics of the Bill, declaring it to be a mere patchwork part of a perfectly impossible scheme of army reform. Mr. Brodrick appealed to the House to support the Bill. The numbers of the Militia, he pointed out, had fallen to 50,000, from its proper establishment of 150,000, and half of these were recruits physically unfit to take the field. It was therefore absolutely necessary that the Militiamen who had served their time in the Army should be formed into a Reserve, which might give 50,000 trained men who might be called out in time of national emergency. It was also proposed to form a Yeomanry Reserve of 5,000 men at £5 a year for each man, but this was so strongly opposed from the Ministerial benches that it was withdrawn. The remainder of the Bill was passed with the majority I have stated; and has now reached the committee stage.

The death of Colonel Harry McCalmont removes from the House of Commons ITS RICHEST MEMBER.

As befitted the Newmarket division he was a thorough sportsman, and won the Derby with Isinglass, the record winner which brought to its owner £57,000 in stakes alone. I knew the Colonel well, and was not so surprised at his sudden death as many were. He was leaving his London residence on Saturday when he had an attack of apoplexy, and died at once. He has no children but has been married twice. His widow is a daughter of Sir Henry De Bathe. He was among the top winners in this year's racing. Among other things he was a keen yachtsman and recently had a new boat fitted with turbines. In appearance the yacht looked like a torpedo-boat but she was a terror to fly. His wealth, estimated at £5,000,000 was inherited from his uncle, unexpectedly, at a time, so it is said, when Col. Harry was "stone broke." But for a love affair his relative, Earl Cairns, would have inherited the bulk of the money.

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The *Daily News* is conducting a census of church-goers in London. All churches regardless of denomination are being checked on special Sundays. Hampstead and Kensington, two wealthy districts, were dealt with the other day. Out of 176,618 people in Kensington, 43,372, less than 25 per cent, were counted at the pews of worship. In Hampstead, out of 81,942 residents the record of attendance was 20,447, about the same proportion. It was a wet day, but these are essentially church-going districts, and the percentage of attendants is not regarded as high.

In the poorer district of Battersea the population is 168,907 and the church-goers are 26,992.

There was little interest at first in the Venezuelan question, but the obstinacy of President Castro has brought the matter more to the front and to-day's dispatches serve to increase the apprehension that the trouble is likely to be much more serious than was expected. Some criticism has been expressed in the House of the policy of taking such measures on debts of an insignificant character contracted by private firms, but the Cabinet reply that the non-payment of the debts is merely the last of many instances in which Venezuela has played fast and loose with foreign creditors, in the belief that America, under the Monroe doctrine, would prevent force being used. At present America is preserving a neutral course, but the Yellow Journals in the United States may rouse the people to excitement any day, so there is still danger in that quarter. The bulk of the criticism is directed in England against joining with Germany in this business. The *Radical Star* delivers a broadside on this union, and the *Unionist-Evening News* strikes a similar note in the following editorial:—"The Government ought to have been ready to lay on the table all the papers when they announced such a grave step as this. It is essential that the country should be in possession of all the facts, particularly as joint action with Germany is contemplated. The papers will perhaps give us the reasons why the Government have decided on co-operation with Germany so soon after our very unpleasant experience of the results of such co-operation in regard to Shanghai. Unless very strong and special reasons can be shown for courting similar treatment a second time, we must hold to our opinion that the decision to co-operate with Germany in Venezuela is far from wise."

The last travellers to the Delhi Durbar left yesterday. They included many well known people, prominent among whom were the Earl of Crews, The Duke and Duchess of Marlborough, and Lady Sybil Primrose, Lord Rosebery's daughter, whose engagement is announced this week. The lucky man is Lieutenant Grant of the Coldstream Guards, son of Sir Robert Grant, K.C.B., who for many years was Inspector General of Fortifications. Lady Sybil was born in 1879 and is a younger sister of Lady Peggy who married the Earl of Ciesce.

There is talk in diplomatic circles here of an expedition supposed to be of a purely scientific character which is to leave St. Petersburg next month for

CENTRAL ASIA AND AFGHANISTAN. The fact is noted that it is promoted by the Geographical Society which is practically a government institution in Russia and occupies a government office in St. Petersburg. It was this Society which sent "scientific" expeditions to Manchuria and to Persia. Science seems to be the Russian forerunner of deep diplomacy.

The warlike Hartopp case continues, to the great advantage of the lawyers who are said to have netted something like £12,000 so far. The Duke of Devonshire was in the witness box on Wednesday, but only to bear testimony to the harmony between the Hartopp couple when under his observation. The evidence is of the flimsiest sort all round, and I can only account for it by the ardent desire of the parties to be quit of each other.

Justice Bigham who tried the Penruddocke cruelty case was to have presented the prizes at the Metropolitan School of Shorthand on Wednesday night, but evidently is very much impressed by the indignation of the public at the sentence, for he wrote that he anticipated a hostile demonstration and so would not attend. At the last moment the Chinese minister performed the task.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK RETURNS.

H.M.S. Vessel	at Kowloon Dock
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H.M.S. <i>Honour</i>	"
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HONGKONG, TUESDAY, JANUARY 20, 1903.

IMPORTATION OF WAR MATERIALS.

By Article V of the Final Protocol made between China and the eleven Powers, in 1901, China agreed to prohibit the importation into its territory of arms and ammunition, as well as of materials exclusively used for their manufacture, and, according to an Imperial Edict, issued on the 25th August, 1901, such importation was forbidden for two years, power also being reserved for the issue of new Edicts subsequently extending this by other successive terms of two years in case of necessity recognised by the Powers. But China has forgotten, as she has ever been so prone to forget, and arms and other warlike material are continually being taken into her Empire. In February of 1901 we drew attention to the fact that dangerous weapons were being freely smuggled into China from Hongkong and that the seizures made by the Police could not be said to represent one quarter of those that were sent out. At the time we recognised that it was very hard on our Police force to have to try and check this illegal traffic under present conditions, for there was practically no means of ascertaining the quantity of arms imported into this Colony. There was no inducement offered here to anyone to endeavour to put a stop to the illicit dealers, and as we pointed out, although many must be aware of the quantity of arms continually passing over to the Kwang Provinces it would not pay them to put the Crown officers on the track. China could not very well plead ignorance regarding such importation as the matter was fully dealt with in the Press of the entire East, and the paid informers of the Imperial Government would not knowingly let such a grave matter pass unnoticed. We have seen how the rebels in Kwangsi have been amassing large quantities of modern weapons and munitions of war and cannot ignore the fact that news of their equipment must have reached Peking despite the reports denouncing those in charge of Imperial troops for failing to forward news of the position of affairs. But apart from these continuous cases of smuggling of arms, which may or may not be a direct breach of the Protocol, we are in receipt of news reporting a very flagrant instance of how China ignores her Treaty vows. The authorities, especially in the Southern Provinces of China, are said to be obtaining very large quantities of war munitions from abroad and, if reports are true, and we have no reason for doubting their veracity, they are doing so openly and without the least attempt to disguise the fact. We learn that the China Merchants' Steam Navigation Co.'s steamer *Irene* arrived below Whampoa, near Canton, on Saturday with a full cargo of gun materials, and conveying two junks loaded with saltpetre. The gun materials were unloaded into junks and taken up river, where they are to be handed over to the Governor of Kwangsi. Of course, we might assign many reasons for such steps, and although the munitions of war may be for purposes of suppressing rebellious movements, on the other hand the importation of such large quantities of arms and warlike material, in the strict interpretation of the Peace Protocol, could not be effected, unless with the consent of the eleven Powers parties to the agreement. Has such consent been obtained? If it has, then the condition of lawlessness prevailing in the Kwang Provinces must be such as to give cause for serious apprehension on the part of China; while if such consent has not been asked how are the Powers to regard the action of the Chinese Government in this matter? Although it may not be a fair inference that the importation of these warlike materials would point

to any scheme of aggression directed against foreigners in China, yet China's faithlessness in the past supplies good ground for the belief that, given an inch she might be disposed to take an ell. If we blink at a seemingly small breach this may be widened in order to set at naught the compact into which she has entered and which she is bound to fulfil as an act of atonement for her treachery in 1900.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

OUR London Letter is printed on page 3.

THE Iyo Spinning Company is to be wound up.

Buy a No. 1 Kodak at Le Munyon's. You will be well pleased with it.—*Advt.*

THE blowing up of the *Pakshas* commences to-morrow.

A RUSSIAN has obtained a grant to suit tramways in Peking.

WIRELESS telegraph stations are to be established in Corea.

ANOTHER 2,000-ton, 21-knot, cruiser is being built at Yokohama. She will have 20 guns.

THE total issue of convertible notes by the Bank of Japan is now 212,000,000 yen, and the specie reserve is 109 millions.

THE steamer *Kayoh-Maru* was wrecked in the harbour of Otaru on the 10th as she was about to anchor. The life boat station saved her crew.

THE Mit-u Bishi dockyard at Nagasaki being over-busy, the refitted steamer *Oslo* has been sent under tow to the Osaka Ironworks to be thoroughly repaired.

LIEUT. von Salzmann left Tientsin on the 4th on an Australian horse to ride to Khokand on his way to Berlin by land. He took with him one mallow and two ponies.

THE first of the Challenge Shield Matches was played yesterday afternoon at Happy Valley between "H" Co. and "E" Co. of the Sherwood Foresters and ended in favour of "B" Co. by one goal to nil.

It is estimated that the number of arrests in connection with the great Text-Book Scandal will ultimately reach 500 or even 1,000. It appears that officials of all ranks have been taking bribes to favour the use of certain text-books in the Government Schools.

THERE was recently launched from Mr. R. A. Ord's Hong-kew ship building yard Yang-tse-pon, one of three handsome pontoons which Mr. Ord is now building for Messrs. Butterfield and Swire's Pootung wharves. The dimensions of the structure are 18 ft. by 48 ft. by 6 ft.

THE last of the ten cruisers ordered from Messrs. S. C. Farnham, Boyd and Co., Ltd. for the Philippine Insular Government, the *Tablas*, has successfully completed her trial, and was expected to sail for Manila early this week. The five other cruisers of the same type ordered recently are already well in hand.

THE full prospectus of the Weihaiwei Gold Mining Co., Limited, was issued on Monday. It is said that the sum asked for from the public is only \$50,000, or one-fourth of the proposed capital, the vendors taking the purchase-money entirely in shares, and the balance of \$150,000 being reserved for future issue, if required.

Anything you want, photographically speaking, can be had at Le Munyon's.—*Advt.*

YESTERDAY afternoon a meeting was held at the Central Police Station to make arrangements for the annual rifle-shooting match between the Inspectors of Police and the Sergeants to take place at Tai Ping Range of Chinese New Year's Day. There are ten men aside and a committee consisting of Inspectors Baker and Robertson, Sergeants McWayne and McHardy was appointed to make the necessary arrangements for the outing.

THE O.S.K.'s Maidzuru liner *Kinryu Maru*, which left for Hamaoka on the 26th ult., encountered a gale and was compelled to take shelter at Moronosaki, but as an accident occurred to her machinery, she went adrift, her masts coming down and her hull being much damaged. She narrowly escaped being wrecked and returned to Shimonosaki on the 6th inst.

ACCORDING to telegrams received by local mandarins from the capitals of Hunan as well as Hupoh, the high authorities there have received information from their subordinates, sent as intelligence officers to Kwangsi, to the effect that the rebels of that province have made such headway against the Government troops that already various strong bodies of insurgents are on the point of crossing the frontiers into the provinces above named. It also appears that there is much anxiety in Wuchang and Changsha on the above account.

A SMALL blaze occurred at Shanghai in the hold of the O. S. S. *Atsumatsu* about 6.30 o'clock on the evening of the 13th inst. A hose was turned on from the wharf hydrant and the crew, with the assistance of some of the men of H.M.S. *Pique*, succeeded in putting out the blaze, the only result of which was some slightly burned whiskey casks. The cause of the fire is unknown. The agents of O. S. S. *Atsumatsu* sent the crew of H.M.S. *Pique* a present of \$50 as an acknowledgment of the service they rendered. This is the second present made them, the former one having been for their services at the recent fire in Schuchow Road.

Buy your Dry Plates and Films at Le Munyon's New Store. They are all fresh and guaranteed.—*Advt.*

THE *Le Fook*, in command of Capt. Harvey leaves Hongkong to-morrow. She is a small steam launch consigned to Saigon.

ZAMONI gave an entertainment at the Kowloon Dock reading room last evening. He leaves to-morrow morning for Swatow in the *Maidzuru Maru*.

VICE-ADMIRAL Sir Cyprian F. G. Bridge, K.C.B., Commander-in-Chief of the China Station, arrived at Singapore on the 18th instant, in H.M.S. *Glory*, and left for Penang in the *Alacrity* to-day. He will return on the 28th instant to Singapore and then leave the same day for Ormeau.

OWING to the absence of Sir Henry S. Perceley, K.C., the Attorney-General, from the Supreme Court this morning his place was taken by Messrs. Sharp and Mongin Phillips, barristers-at-law respectively. We believe that Sir Henry went to meet his wife and who were expected here from Australia.

THERE was a great fire in the Tientsin native city on the 10th, in the Kung Pei-kuang. The fire was about a third of a mile long and some 200 yards or more wide. An excessive estimate of the damage is \$1,500,000, but there was only insurance in force, offices to the extent of \$1,500,000.

Wouldn't it be nice to have a Souvenir of the Philippine Islands? They can be got at Le Munyon's.—*Advt.*

THE Chinese cruiser *Tungshih*, of the Pei-yang Squadron, has recently been cruising around Lung men, ten miles from Chefoo, to see if the place would be suitable for a naval station for the Pei-yang Squadron. But she found the harbour too shallow and Commodore Yeh is now trying to discover a more promising location.

THE 1903 almanack of the China and Manila Steam Ship Co., Ltd., issued by the general managers, Messrs. Shewan, Tomes & Co., is a most artistic production and every credit is due to Mr. Le Munyon for the creditable design. It contains a coloured photograph of the *Rubi* and *Zephyr* class of steamers lying at her buoy in Hongkong harbour.

IN our issue to-morrow we propose reproducing the first portion of a very important paper by Mr. E. S. Little, of Shanghai, on the Currency Question. We notice that he says, "we cannot afford to stand idly by with folded hands and calmly decide to do nothing, as Hongkong has done. If the precedent set by Hongkong is followed by the other mercantile bodies in China the near future will bring disaster to our door."

THE question regarding the position of the reporters table at the Supreme Court, cropped up again yesterday afternoon, during the hearing of the Ship Street murder case. The Attorney General stated that the Press table was most inconveniently placed, as it prevented the jury, and counsel from seeing the prisoners at the bar. He requested the Registrar to have it removed, and placed behind counsel's seats. We sincerely hope this step will be taken as, apart from the fact that it is often with the utmost difficulty that the remarks of counsel and witnesses are heard, the press representatives are seated uncomfortably near most undesirable persons who are not particular either in their personal appearance or habits.

Have you seen our late views of Hongkong? If not, call and see them at Le Munyon's.—*Advt.*

THE following telegraphic information, dated 16th inst., has been received from the Sumatra Director and Manager of the Mantschappij tot Mijn Botschen Landbouwexploitatie in Langkat, Ld:—

Daily aggregate output of	
Crude Petroleum..... Gallons	41,000
Crude Petroleum in Tanks at date	220,000
Kerosene made since the date of the preceding half-monthly telegram	Cas. 43,000
Kerosene shipped since the date of the preceding half-monthly telegram	51,000
Kerosene in Stock at Refinery at date	6,000
*The production is small on account of repairs to stills and agitators.	

AMONG the passengers on the homeward bound German mail steamer *Prinzess Irene* which arrived from Shanghai this morning is Lieut. Col. C. M. Ducat, Military Attaché to the British Legation. Mr. W. H. Wilkinson, H. B. M. Consul at Ningpo, who has been appointed Consul-General for Yunnan and Kweichow, left Shanghai and proceeds to Yunnan, via Hongkong and Burma. The *Prinzess Irene* took away from Shanghai one of the most valued of our prominent men, Mr. Cecil Holliday, and his wife and Mr. Paul Brunat, president of the French Municipal Council at Shanghai. Mr. M. McIver, Inspector of junks, is also a passenger from Hongkong to Europe.

I wish to announce to the public of Hongkong that I am now ready to do portrait work. Yours very truly, C. E. Le Munyon, 31, Des Voeux Road.—*Advt.*

CRIMINAL SESSIONS.

The Criminal Sessions was resumed this morning before His Lordship Sir W. Meigh Goodham, Chief Justice.

CRUELTY.

Kwok Mui, a woman, was indicted on three counts:—(1) Exposing a child under the age of two years whereby life was endangered, (2) whereby the health of the child was permanently injured, and (3) whereby the health of the said child was likely to be injured. Prisoner pleaded not guilty, and was undefended.

Mr. E. H. Sharp, K.C., instructed by Mr. F. B. Lawley, prosecuted on behalf of the Crown. The following jury was sworn:—Messrs. J. S. Perry, E. M. Hazeland, J. Wacker, A. Ranjahn, B. Eusace, V. C. do Rozario, and J. M. Noronha.

In his remarks, Mr. Sharp stated that at Yau-mati on December 6th, 1902, at 8 o'clock, the constable on duty saw a woman throw a bundle into the shade of a verandah and run away. This aroused his suspicions, and he chased the prisoner and took her back to the spot, and on opening the bundle found an infant inside. He accordingly took the woman to the station, and the child was sent to the Ital an Convent where it eventually died.

Chinese P.C. 336 bore out these facts, and D. Wm. Hunter said that he examined the body of a Chinese infant about two months old. The probable cause of death was emaciation and the immediate cause was diarrhoea. Exposure had all a great deal to do with the death of the child. Inspector McDonald and other witnesses also gave evidence.

The jury returned a unanimous verdict of guilty on the three counts, and His Lordship sentenced prisoner to six months' hard labour.

A M D ROBBIE.

Chan Sze, with others not in custody, was charged with armed robbery at Mong Kok on 7th December, 1902. Prisoner pleaded not guilty, and was undefended.

Mr. Morgan Phillips, instructed by Mr. Lawley, Crown solicitor, prosecuted on behalf of the Crown. The following jury was sworn:—Messrs. V. C. do Rozario, Chan Choy, E. M. Hazeland, Li Wai Ching, A. Nilsson, B. Eustace, and E. J. Main.

Mr. Morgan Phillips, in addressing the jury, stated that on the 7th December last, prisoner, with three others, at Mong Kok, entered a drug-list's shop, and one of them produced a revolver and another a chopper, and after bundling Lun Shui Hong and his wife into a room enforced silence. They then took a valuable bangle from the man, and attacked the wife. The robbers then tied them with zinc wires, and proceeded to ransack the shop and the house. They took \$27 from a bed, and \$3 from the shop, and after that went away. On 26th December, a Chinese constable arrested prisoner in Des Voeux Road West at 2 o'clock in the afternoon. When arrested the prisoner stated that there were three others. Prisoner was then taken to the Police Station, and on being placed together with twelve others was picked out by the prosecutors as the man who was armed with the chopper.

After a lengthy summing up by the Chief Justice the jury returned a unanimous verdict of guilty, and prisoner was sentenced to seven years' hard labour, and to receive twenty strokes of the birch in the first month of his incarceration.

The Court adjourned till 10 a.m. to-morrow.

QUARRY BAY ROIL.

TWENTY COOLIES CHARGED WITH MURDER.

The dock at the Police Court this morning presented quite a unique appearance, there being no less than twenty coolies, recently employed at the Quarry Bay dock-yard, and each with a number affixed to his breast—charged before Mr. F. A. Hazeland on the capital offence. Three interpreters were engaged.

Mr. F. D. Bodeley, Captain Superintendent of Police, prosecuted on behalf of the Crown, and the prisoners, who pleaded not guilty, were undefended.

Mr. E. W. Carpenter, of the P. W. D., was first called for the prosecution, and produced a plan showing the scene of the fight. Harabajar, No. 1 watchman, stated that on the afternoon of the 21st December, 1902, whilst on his way to his quarters, he saw one of the watchmen, an Indian, being chased by a large number of coolies. Seeing the dangerous position of his comrade, he shouted out in Chinese to the coolies, "Don't fight!" To this they refused to listen, and continued pelting stones at him. The noise thus occasioned brought to the scene the rest of the watchmen, and on their approach, the coolies decamped. On returning to their quarters, they found one of the watchmen lying on the ground in a pool of blood, with several wounds on his head. Whilst carrying the man into another house, the coolies again surrounded them, and stones were being rained on them. Witness hid himself underneath a bed, and in that position he heard his father calling out for help. When he made his appearance, a large stone struck him on the head, and rendered him senseless. He was then removed to the Government Civil Hospital.

Usoof Khan, the originator of the whole disturbance, who was recently fined \$100 by Mr. Kemp, for assault, was the next witness. In his evidence he stated that about 5 p.m. on the 21st ult. he was on duty near the junction of the road between the Sugar Works and the Quarry Bay dock-yard, when he saw two Chinese women carrying some wood and followed by a large number of coolies. He went up to them, and in trying to snatch away the wood, was assaulted by all the Chinamen, who used their fists and their bamboo. He managed to escape and reported the matter to the No. 1 watchman. On the report being made, the whole of the watchmen turned out

and tried to frighten the coolies away, but to no purpose, for they started to throw stones at them. He saw Sergeant Mahomet struck by a stone, and then carried into the No. 1 Watchman's house. All this time, the coolies continued throwing stones, and seeing how matters stood, the whole of the watchmen sought refuge underneath their beds and heard the window panes being smashed. When the stoning ceased, he crept out and saw the dead body of Baket Khan with his face downwards lying near the cook-house. Witness then identified the 1st, 2nd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 10th, 13th, 19th and 20th prisoners.

Mr. Bodeley asked the Magistrate to discharge the 10th defendant, Wong Far, on the grounds of his being a farmer, and also that none of the watchmen identified him. He was accordingly discharged.

Other evidence followed and the case was adjourned till to-morrow.

TURF TOPICS.

Owners are beginning to put work in real earnest on the turf. To-day's gallops point to the businesslike interest which is being shown by the contestants for the blue ribbon in the forthcoming races. There was a full course and it was fairly fast going. The inner course was dusty for want of rain. The following are the principal times recorded this morning:—

Tyro and Vandy, 1 mile 2.09.
Legacy, Master up, 1 mile 3.14, 1.29; finished rather heavy.

Brilliant went for 1 mile in 2.57 and after trotting once round went again 1 mile in 1.30 total, finished hard held and flying.

Princess Charming, 1 mile 2.124.

School Girl and Luck, 1 mile 1.35.

Runaway Girl, 1 mile 1.28.

Diamond, Cynosure, 1 mile 1.02.

Clara, Ruby, 1 mile 1.03.

Cheerful, 1 mile 2.05, hard held and flying; a very game little horse.

Ichiban, 1 mile 1.25.

Remnant, 1 mile 1.28.

CHINA GRIFFINS.

Iffrit, 1 mile 3.12.

Bliss, 1 mile 1.48.

Manhattan and Toddy, 1 mile 3.11.

Flicker-wood, 1 mile 2.23.

Handyman, 1 mile 1.07.

Tigoku, 1 mile 1.07.

At the sweeps held at one of the Clubs last week, Mr. Morgan Phillips's *Legacy* was the most fancied, Lieut. Col. Hughes's *Brilliant*, Major Denny's *Diamond*, and Capt. Langland's *Lady Lena* being the successive favourites in the order mentioned. It is yet early in the day to forecast the probable Derby winner, but public fancy seems rivetted to *Brilliant* and *Cheerful* as being likely to carry off the trophy. Not much interest is shown in the poor lot of China "subs."

EARLY BIRD.

FIRE IN HONGKONG HARBOUR.

SALVAGE PARTY UNSUCCESSFUL.

At half past nine this morning those aboard a launch, steaming in the western vicinity of the harbour, observed that the cargo of Junk No. 575 was afire, and promptly made for the Government Fire Engine for assistance. Although the burning junk was anchored within a short distance of the Engine, considerable delay was caused on account of the latter vessel not having steam up, and the only water pump available for some half to three quarters of an hour was a Water-Poli hand apparatus. Eventually the Fire Engine was ready for action, but by this time the conflagration had gained such a hold on the vessel, that it was thought advisable to remove her from the wharf, and the Harbour Master's launch *Lily* took her in tow. About this time assistance began to arrive from all directions—naval pinnaces and boats representing all the British warships in harbour. Included in the escort were the launches *Lee Wah*, *Man Yik*, *Vacuum*, *Police launch No. 6*, *Yuen Lee*, and *Chun Fai*. Mr. Donald McDonald was in charge of the engine and the British blue-jackets lent a hand with the hoses. In spite of some six jets of water being played on the vessel the fire was not extinguished and eventually she was stranded on the beach opposite the Cosmopolitan Dock and allowed to burn herself out. She was a fine two-masted junk. The cargo visible from overside consisted of straw matting.

After the junk was beached at Chan Sai Wan, her magazine, containing 200 lbs. of gunpowder, exploded. She had recently arrived from Hongkong, on the West River, near Canton, with a cargo of bambooware and vermicelli, and was loading peanuts. The damage, which is very heavy, is fully covered by insurance. Inspector Mackie was in charge of the Police Brigade.

SHIPPING AND MAIL NEWS.

MAILS DUE.

German (*Stuttgart*) 24th inst.
American (*City of Peking*) 25th inst.
French (*Oceanic*) 26th inst.
American (*Coptic*) 31st inst.
Canadian (*Torstar*) 5th prox.
American (*America*) 7th prox.

The Silk Ex Canadian Pacific Railway Co.'s R.M.S. *Empress of Japan* arrive at New York on the 17th inst.

The N. Y. K. Co.'s steamer *Yamato Maru* (Australian Line) left Kobe via Moji and Nagasaki for this port on the 20th inst., and is expected to

TELEGRAMS.

HONGKONG TELEGRAPH SERVICE.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Imperial Railway Station

SUDDENLY ABOLISHED.

COOLIES REMOVING RAILS.

SHANGHAI, Jan. 20th.,

4.20 p.m.

The Temple of Heaven railway station has been suddenly abolished, and coolies started removing the rails yesterday.

Tientsin Volunteers

AND THE CHINA MEDAL.

A meeting of the volunteers will be held at Tientsin to-night at which it is proposed to refuse the China War medal because of the clasp being withheld from them.

(By special arrangement with Der Ostasiatische Lloyd.)

Venezuelan Affairs.

REUTER'S REPORT DENIED.

BERLIN, 19th January,

1.30 p.m.

According to Reuter's Telegram Co. the German cruiser *Panther* has had an unsuccessful fight at Maracaibo. This, however, is totally incorrect, as the *Panther* had gone into the lagoons to prevent smuggling and simply retired when the water became too low.

The German Ambassador

AND "OPEN DOOR" POLICY.

The German Minister at Peking, Dr. Munster von Schwarzenstein, who has been staying in Germany for several months past, spoke at a banquet given by the Ostasiatische Verein, Hamburg. He emphasized the necessity of the "Open Door" policy in China, praised the intelligence of German merchants, and said that China was most anxious to keep peaceful relations with the Powers. The Minister returns to Peking in the spring.

The Crown Princess and the Tutor.

The Crown Princess of Saxony, who has been in Switzerland, has suddenly left for Mentone, whither she is accompanied by her children's tutor, M. Giron.

German Crown Prince.

The Crown Prince of Germany has been magnificently feted by the Empress Dowager and members of the Russian Royal Family. He has several times wired his thankful acknowledgments to his parents.

The Dardanelles.

Both the English and French Press speak discontentedly regarding the Russian successes.

New Grand Vizier.

The new Grand Vizier, Ferid Pasha, President of the recently appointed Macedonia Refo. Committee, is an Albanian by birth.

(Reuter's.)

The Overdue Liner.

LONDON, January 18th.

The *St. Louis* has arrived safely at New York. The delay in her arrival was caused by storms and the average speed was only nine knots. The passengers at an indignation meeting passed resolutions censuring the Company for allowing them to embark on a steamer with leaky boilers. The management declares that there was nothing in the condition of the boilers to prevent a normal passage.

Austria.

The Austrian Reichsrath adjourned at 5 p.m. after a 54-hour sitting due to the obstruction of the Czechs whose tactics are impeding the passage of the Austro-Hungarian arrangement to which the approval of the Austrian Parliament is necessary.

LATER.

Mr. Chamberlain in South Africa. At a public banquet at Johannesburg, Mr. Chamberlain said he must consider the in-

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terests of the Dutch as well as the British, and that he intended submitting to the Imperial Parliament a bill for guaranteeing a loan of £35,000,000 on the security of the assets of the Transvaal and Orange River Colony, the loan to be used for paying the debts of the Transvaal and for public works in both Colonies. As soon as this loan is issued another one of £30,000,000, to which the Orange River Colony will not contribute, will be issued on the security of the Transvaal.

The United States Navy.

The Washington Naval Committee has recommended the construction of three new battleships and one cruiser.

MAIDEN VOYAGE OF THE S.S. "SAN CHEUNG."

The new river steamer *San Cheung*, built at the Kwong Fat Cheung shipbuilding yard under the supervision of Mr. H. F. Carmichael, consulting engineer, left the Cheung On Steamboat Company's Wharf, on her maiden voyage to Canton, shortly before six o'clock on Sunday evening. A large crowd of people went to see the vessel off, and, as she cleared the wharf, a string of crackers was lighted from the stern. She is a fast ship, having accomplished 1 knot on her speed trial over the measured mile, but, as it would not have been permissible to arrive at Canton before six o'clock in the morning, she proceeded on her maiden voyage at a slow speed. A number of guests invited for the trip included Mrs. Richards, Mr. and Mrs. Carmichael, Mr. and Mrs. Hinds, Miss Siebert, Mr. and Mrs. Richardson, Major and Mrs. Chapman, and Messrs. Jean Trevoux, Sit Ming Cook, Li Tsz Ming, Leung Tsun Tung, Richards, Leung Oi Chun, Fung Chun Yuen, Buchanan Robinson, Davies, Pollock, Swaby, Lam Mui Sang, Chiu Chung Lin, and Pang'un Cho. The officers of the ship were: Captain Murphy, Mr. C. Harold Clarke, chief engineer, and Mr. Angus, chief officer. At dinner, on the evening of the *San Cheung's* departure, M. Jean Trevoux, Mr. Kwok Yik Ting (secretary of the Cheung On Steamboat Co.), and Mr. Sit Ming Cook were royally treated.

On leaving Hongkong the vessel was flying the British flag, being under Hongkong registry, but as soon as she arrived at Canton the necessary formalities for registering her under the French flag, in the name of M. Jean Trevoux, were gone through; the word "Hongkong" at the stern, was obliterated, and "Canton" was substituted; while the tricolour flag was hoisted at the staff. It is worthy of note that the *San Cheung* is the first river steamer to obtain permission to enter Canton on a Sunday both she and the Cheung On S.S. *Hongkong* are now subsidised French mail steamers, leaving on alternate evenings from Hongkong and Canton, thereby making a regular daily French service up and down the river. The Company's pier at Hongkong is next to that of the Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboat Company and the moorings at Canton are in a most convenient central position off the French concession on the Shamien.

After breakfast special guides were appointed to take the guests around the usual sights of Canton City, and, in the afternoon, Mr. Sit Ming Cook invited them to accompany him to the Hoi Tong Tze Buddhist monastery, and afterwards to Mr. Fung Ah Lum's garden, both of which places are situated on the Ho Nam side in the Canton rēché.

In the evening Mr. Jean Trevoux and Mr. Sit Ming Cook invited a large number of Canton residents to a banquet on the occasion of a new French mail steamer's first voyage. The visitors from the shore include M. Harduin, *chef de cabinet* of M. le Gouverneur Général de l'Indo-Chine, M. Netou, *chef du secrétariat* (id.), Capt. Normien, *adjudant-chef* du Gouverneur Général, M. Guillein, *Conseiller de France* à Canton, Commandant Le Gollé, *capitaine de frigate* Commandant le *Kersaint*, M. L'É., French postmaster, Canton, Captain Bywater, Harbour Master Canton, Mr. Appleby, Imperial Maritime Customs, and Messrs. Yeung Chuk Sang, Wong U Ming, Wong Yeuk Po, Leung Cheung Shui, Tzavres and Tse Iu Nam.

On the following day the Hongkong guests spent the day in shopping and, at five o'clock in the evening, moorings were slipped and the *San Cheung* proceeded full speed down the river. Before six o'clock she overtook the *Hongkong*, Canton and Macao Steamboat Co.'s s.s. *Pow-wei*, a vessel that left about 15 minutes before her, and after that she showed a leann pair of heels to the other steamers that followed in her wake. At dinner the directors of the Cheung On Steamboat Co. and Mr. Kwok Yik Ting were again treated, and the latter gentleman suitably responded. The vessel arrived at her wharf, Hongkong, at midnight.

The trip was entirely satisfactory, the engines working smoothly throughout.

DETAILS have been received of the collision between the *Ying-ow* and *Minna*. The *Ying-ow* was bound to Port Arthur from Chefoo, and the *Minna* from Port Arthur to Chefoo. They met at a point about 3 miles from Chefoo light, in the open sea with plenty of sailing room. The *Ying-ow* struck the *Minna* on her starboard quarter and made a large hole in her. This caused her to settle gradually, and finally to sink in about 20 fathoms of water. There was no explosion of the boilers, the engineer having opened the valve and allowed the steam to escape. The *Ying-ow* stood by and took all the crew and passengers. She then proceeded to Port Arthur, and is now under repairs having received considerable damage to her bows.

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CORRESPONDENCE.

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THE HARBOUR FIRE ENGINE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONGKONG TELEGRAPH."—SIR,—With reference to the fire aboard a junk this morning while anchored off the Harbour Master's office, I beg to raise my indignation at the inefficiency of the appliances available to extinguish such a conflagration.

At the time of outbreak (about 9.30), I happened to be in a launch passing the vicinity of the junk, and we promptly steamed to the Government Fire Engine and attempted to raise an alarm; but there was no steam up and no European in charge of the vessel. In answer to inquiries we were told by a Chinaman: "No. 1 no has got." I personally saw the junk burning for about 15 minutes before any assistance whatever arrived and then only one open boat was despatched. The hose in action was but a small tube, and the jet of water was too minute to be effective. When I left at about 10 o'clock the fire engine was still lying in the same place and I learn the junk had eventually to be allowed to burn herself out. Seeing that the engine was labelled "Government" surely the administration is culpable of serious neglect, which, in some places I know, would be regarded as criminal. I remain, Sir, Yours etc., X. Y. Z.

Hongkong, 20th January, 1903.

CANTON NOTES.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

CANTON, January 17th, 1903. CLOSING EXERCISES OF CANTON MEDICAL COLLEGE.

The closing exercises in connection with the J. G. Kerr Medical College for Men and the Women's Medical College were held to-day in the Cuyler Memorial Church. Three young men and two young women received diplomas. The programme called attention to the fact that this was the thirty-fourth year of the Kerr Medical College and the first of the Women's College. Dr. Kerr modestly called his students a "Medical Class." But during the time Dr. Kerr had charge of the work about 150 young men completed a full medical course of studies. Since the death of Dr. Kerr, Dr. Selden has continued the work with excellent results. The Women's Medical College is well equipped for the work it has to do. The new building was opened a few weeks ago. There are bright airy lecture rooms and laboratories, a finely finished operating room and a "college parlour." There is nothing Chinese about the place, but everything is according to the best of Western ideas. Certainly Dr. Fulton is to be congratulated on the work she is doing.

The exercises to-day consisted in addresses by Rev. Mr. Fulton, Dr. Mary Niles and Dr. Hager. The diplomas were presented by Mr. Selden and Dr. Fulton. The audience was large and appeared to be deeply interested in the success of the work.

CHOLERA.

It has been rumoured that there is cholera in the city. Careful inquiries have failed to prove the correctness of these rumours. There have been a few sudden deaths, but there is no certainty that these deaths were caused by cholera. It would not be surprising if cholera should re-appear this spring, but at present there is no sign of it.

TIENSIN DAY BY DAY.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

TIENSIN, 6th January.

The Peking Government and Viceroy Yuan have been wiring to Kansu to ascertain about the reported rising of Tung Fuh-shiang and Prince Yuan, and the replies are to the effect that a slight disturbance between Tung's men and the civilian Mohammedans did take place, which alarmed the missionaries and set in motion many rumours, but that all is quiet. The native papers affirm that the Government will nip any rising in the bud. Public opinion (native) here, however, rather favours the belief that at no very distant date a movement will be made by Yuan and Tung. The ex-hier apparent joining his father is recognised as serious inasmuch as it supplies the *raison d'être*, so to speak, for rising. He was chosen as the future Emperor, and Yuan declares he is still such and refuses to acknowledge his disinclination. He must be protected and his rights upheld. This is just such an argument as appeals to the northern people, more warlike than their southern countrymen, and with far more leisure on their hands to cultivate a "cause." The recently younger, whose course of conduct was such that not even the E.D. could stand it, will therefore be the cause probably of a large rising in the spring, and possibly the pivot on which great events in China will turn. On all that the lavish expenditure of the Government in buying up the Telegraphs, China Merchants, etc., has attracted rather sinister attention in Peking, and the Powers are suggesting that if China is so short of money that little indemnity bill might be settled a little sooner perhaps. Gossip also has it that the Powers might reduce the Telegraphs for a season and reduce the indemnity as an offset. There is no reason, however, to regard these suggestions as official or in any way authentic, but they are apt. In harmony with the general ability to raise and spend money, we have the ready contribution of 115,500,000 from Chihli alone for the repairs of the Peking gates, and a like sum is expected from each province, while we read of 300,000 and 500,000 being spent on feasting and theatricals in the Palace, until one wonders whether China's monetary resources have any limit at all. Nothing has so absolutely convinced China of her own superiority and our absolute weakness so much

as the 50 years' limit for the indemnity. Had we insisted upon her doing what she could easily have done, there would have been some chance of her respecting us and at the same time keeping herself in order. The paltry dribble which the fifty years' instalments represent affects her so little that she has plenty to spare for mischief and mischief will brew right enough. Of course, she plays up to our policy of "Poor China" by stubbornly refusing any attempt to make her meet her liabilities in gold. I hear she has now definitely refused the gold idea.

The Government are said to have issued a circular to the Powers stating they will not hold themselves responsible for any loans from foreign banks to the various Viceroy and Governors, and will not acknowledge such as government debts. Whether this applies to past or future loans is not clear, but presumably to future ones as all loans already made would certainly have been regarded in the light of Government debts. Sheng Tsai's liabilities on account of the Telegraphs, etc., are said to total up to a considerable sum in millions, a portion of which can be explained away by loans to Viceroy, but the balance it is thought may give trouble, and according to orders a complete statement has to be made at once. The Palace at Peking is now completed and some very fine foreign furniture has been sent there. The Chihli Lottery started by Li Hung-chang being \$40,000 in debt to the Government, the Viceroy has ordered it to stop as it is apparently benefiting neither the Government nor the people. The Viceroy considers it a disgrace to China to follow the examples of poor nations like Luzon and Spain. The Governor of Szechuan has prohibited the distribution of Buddhist literature as he says they are the real foundation of Boxerism. The river is open in front of the settlements and though it is very cold compared with other seasons it is genial. Yesterday was one of the worst duststorms we have ever experienced, and much sickness is about in consequence of the dry weather.

CABLE NEWS.

(via Shanghai.)

(N. C. D. News.)

THE DARDANELLES QUESTION.

THE PORTE CLIMBS DOWN.

London, 14th January.—The steamer *Kahira* has passed the Dardanelles. The necessary viaduct was issued when Turkey found that the British Embassy was determined on her passage, whether a viaduct was issued or not.

GENERAL BADEN POWELL PROMOTED TO A GOOD POSITION.

General Baden Powell has been appointed Inspector-General of Cavalry and is returning to England in June.

THE IMPERIAL RAILWAY.

Peking, 14th January.—The Ching-Ling railway, which the Empress Dowager ordered to be built in readiness for the visit of the Court to the Western Tombs, has now proceeded as far as the practical completion of the earth-works, and 1,500 men of H.E. Yuan Shih-kai's troops are distributed along the line.

ASIANIC LABOUR ON THE RAND.

London, 15th January.—Some of the newspapers urge recourse to Asiatic labour only as a last resort.

The opinion is largely expressed that the Rand mines have not made a conclusive trial of the more extensive employment of white labour.

CHRISTMAS DAY IN ENGLAND.

London, December 25.—The King and Queen spent the day at Sandringham, this being the first Christmas their Majesties have spent at their favourite residence since their Accession.

The Royal Family, including the Prince and Princess of Wales, Princess Victoria, the Duchess of Fife, and Prince and Princess Charles of Denmark, attended an early service at Sandringham Church, which was beautifully decorated for the occasion. The King afterwards personally directed the annual distribution of beef and game to the employees and tenants on the Sandringham Estate.

A severe gale swept the north coast of Great Britain and caused considerable damage to shipping and water-front property on the Clyde and the Tyne.

WIDOWS AND ORPHANS.

THE QUEEN'S BOUNTY.

London, Dec. 27.—The Queen's dinner this afternoon, to the widows and children of those killed in the South African War formed the most striking demonstration in London of observance of Christmas. About six hundred widows and eight hundred children partook of the Queen's Christmas fare.

Inside the building there were military bands on each floor, while Highland pipers, Panch and Judy shows, theatrical troupes, performers from the music halls, and tables full of toys, crackers and special chocolate boxes from the Queen all gave vivid colour and meaning to the celebration.

Sir Thomas Lipton, who received the guests on behalf of the Queen, who kept busy helping children up the steps, to the relief of the mothers who had brought families larger than they could carry. After many turkeys and plum-puddings had been consumed, Sir Thomas Lipton read the following message from the Queen:

"I pray convey the expression of my very best wishes to all my guests at the Alexandra Trust. May they spend a very happy day, and may God help and bless them throughout the coming year."

Sir Thomas called for cheers for the Queen, and was answered with a great shout, which the crowds outside took up. A telegram was sent to the Queen, expressing the loyal and loving thanks of the children and their mothers, and wishing the King and Queen a Happy New Year.

WEST RIVER TRAFFIC.

THE NEW STATIONS.

In a recent issue we drew attention to the fact that eight additional passenger stations were about to be opened to steamers plying on the West River. We now publish the following regulations:

On and after the 12th January, 1903, eight additional passenger stations on the West River will be opened to steamers plying under the provisions of the West River Regulations.

The following are the rules and regulations to be observed:

1.—The following eight places on the West River, viz:—

Do Sing 都城 Luk To 祿都
Yuet Sing 悅城 Luk Tu 祿步
Hou Lik 後瀝 Kau Kong 九江
Ma Ning 馬寧 Yung Ki 容奇

are hereby opened as additional passenger stations for steamers. At places other than the above named, steamers are not to stop without authority.

2.—At the eight stations now opened steamers are only allowed to land and embark passengers. Steamers are not allowed to take resourse or cargo. This is in order to minimize the risk of piratical attack and also with a view to protecting the Customs Revenue and Likin.

3.—At the above eight stations now opened Guard Boats will be anchored for public protection.

4.—In respect to the landing and embarking of passengers the Guard Boat officials will send police to examine the passengers and sampans for bad characters and to search for arms. Should bad characters surreptitiously get on board the steamers with arms in their possession the officers of the steamers must themselves make investigation and take preventive measures.

5.—Steamers passing Customs Station will duly stop in accordance with the regulations hitherto in force for examination, and the Customs may send officers to accompany the steamers for purposes of surveillance en route. Any one carrying goods unlawfully or attempting to smuggle will, on detection, be fined and punished in accordance with the regulations.

6.—Should any steamer engaged in the passenger traffic at the eight stations now opened fail to comply with the regulations hereby drawn up, such steamer will be subject to fine at the hands of the Commissioner of Customs according to regulations and the steamer permit detained.

7.—The present regulations apply to the Kwangtung province. They are temporary and introduced as an experiment. Hereafter, if they are found to interfere with the Customs Revenue or Likin, or if other difficulties should arise in connection therewith these regulations may then be abrogated.

(Sgd.) J. C. JOHNSTON,
Deputy Commissioner in charge.
Canton, 3rd January, 1903.

Commercial.

TO-DAY'S INTELLIGENCE.

A strong feeling prevails in HONGKONG BANK shares with sales at \$680.00, at which rate there are still buyers. HONGKONG, CANTON & MACAO STEAMBOATS are slightly firmer, with sales at \$37.50 and \$37.75. There is an upward tendency in INDO CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION shares with sales at \$87.50 and \$88.00. CHINA AND MANILA are wanted at \$25.00. DOUGLAS STEAMSHIPS, sellers at \$14.50. Small sales have been made in STAR FERRIES at \$25.00 and \$25.25. There are buyers of CHINA SUGARS at \$90.00 and sellers at \$91.00. Small sales have been made of WHAMP A DRUGS at \$203.50, and are required for. HONGKONG LANDS are offering at \$183.00. WEST POINT BUILDINGS are at present neglected, with sellers at \$36.00. CHINA PROVIDENTS have been placed at \$8.90 to \$9.00 ex dividend.

SHANGHAI SHARE REPORT.

The following résumé of the week's share transactions is from Messrs. J. A. Sullivan & Co.'s report published on the 14th January:—

The opening prices of the year disclose no important changes in quotations, but the steady business doing promises well for the future, and we may look forward to improved rates as the months progress. Demand on London is quoted 2.21/16. Consols 493/4; Hongkong telegraphs 72/3 for 3 days' private paper.

Banks.—Hongkong & Shanghai Banks continue, in strong demand, local rates being unchanged, but shares are difficult to procure.

Shipping.—It is stated in native circles that the *Kowching* indemnity amounting to Tls. 280,000 will shortly be paid. A fairly large business in Indos has resulted at Tls. 63 to Tls.

63, Tls. 64/1/2 for cash. For 27th instant settlement Tls. 63/1/2 is recorded. For February at Tls. 63 1/2 to Tls. 64. April at Tls. 63 1/2 and Tls. 64. May shares have been contracted for at Tls. 64. At the close the tone is stronger with an inclination to buy.

Docks.—Farnham Boyds have changed hands at Tls. 181/1/2 to Tls. 177/1/2 for cash. For the end of the month Tls. 177 to Tls. 180 has been given. February sales are reported at Tls. 181/1/2 to Tls. 184. For March transactions at Tls. 188 to Tls. 185, Tls. 182 1/2, Tls. 180 and Tls. 184/1/2 are announced. April shares have changed ownership at Tls. 186/1/2, Tls. 182 1/2 to Tls. 187 1/2.

EXCHANGE.

ON LONDON, Telegraphic Transfer 1.64
" Bank Bills, on demand 1/6 13/16
" Credits, 4 months' sight 1/7 3/16
" Credits, 4 months' sight 1/7 3/16
ON HAMBURG, (demand) M.1.60 1/2
ON PARIS, Bank Bills, on demand 1.96 1/2
" Credits, 4 months' sight 2.00 1/2
ON NEW YORK, Bank Bills, on demand 38 1/2
" Credits, 30 days' sight 38 1/2
ON BOMBAY, Telegraphic Transfer 116 1/2
" On demand 116 1/2
ON SHANGHAI, Telegraphic Transfer 72 1/2
" Private 30 days' sight 72 1/2
ON YOKOHAMA, T.T. 76 1/2 % prem.
Sovereigns, Bank's Buying Rate \$12.78
Gold Leaf 100 touch, per tael 66.00
Bar Silver 21 13/16

OPIMUM QUOTATIONS.

To-day's quotations are as follows:—
Per chest,
MILWA NEW @ \$ 980/1,000
" LAST YEAR @ 1,010/1,040
" OLDEST @ 1,050/1,100
PATNA NEW @ 1,071/2
BENARES NEW @ 1,070
PERSIAN (PAPER) @ 680/710

To-day's Advertisements.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to Sell by PUBLIC AUCTION, FOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED, ON

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SALES ROOMS, No. 8, Des Voeux Road, Corner of Ice House Street.

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"M.A.P." C/o Hongkong Telegraph. Hongkong, 20th January, 1903. [82c]

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No. 1026, E.C.

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FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND FOCHOW. THE Company's Steamship

"HAITAN" Captain Brach, will be despatched for the above Ports, on FRIDAY, the 23rd instant, at Daylight.

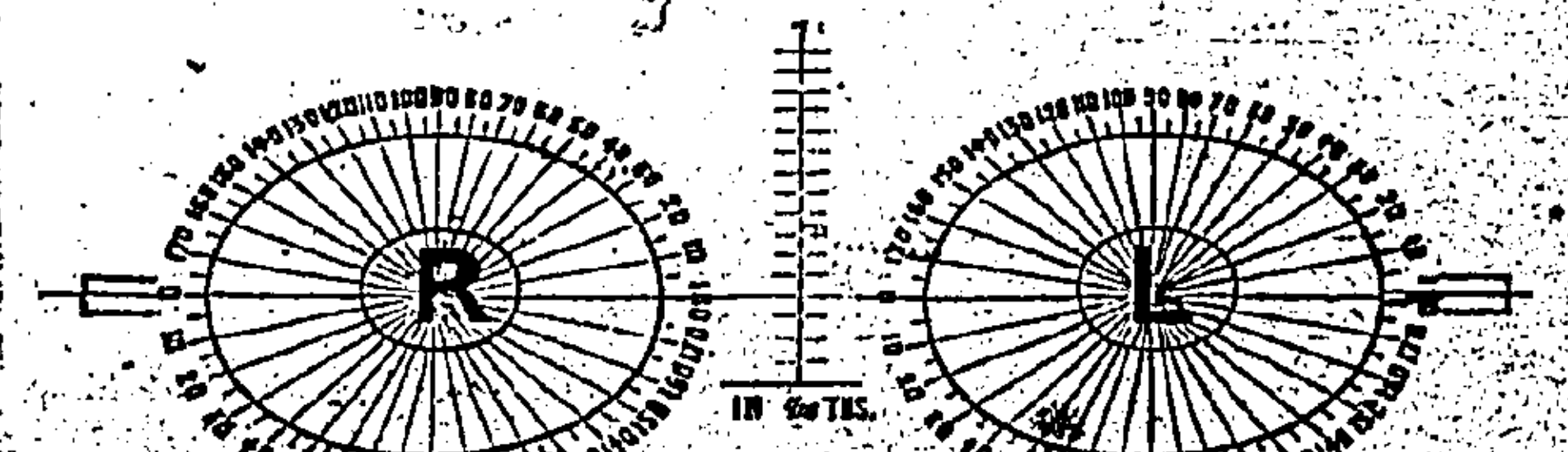
For Freight or Passage apply to DOUGLAS LARPAIK & CO., General Managers. Hongkong, 20th January, 1903. [83c]

AMERICAN ASIATIC S.S. CO.

FOR NEW YORK VIA SUEZ CANAL. THE Steamship

"GIBRALTAR" Captain D. Morris, will be despatched for the above Port on or about SATURDAY, the 14th February.

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MONTHLY SAILINGS FOR LIVERPOOL.
MONTHLY SAILINGS FOR CONTINENT.

OUTWARDS.

FROM	STEAMERS	DUE ON
GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL	"PAKLING"	22nd January.
"	"DIOMED"	28th "
"	"CHINGWON"	3rd February.
"	"MACHAON"	11th "
"	"ACHILLES"	19th "

HOMEWARDS.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL ON
LONDON	"TELEMACHUS"	7th February.
"	"PROMETHEUS"	17th February.
"	"DIOMED"	3rd March.
"	"MACHAON"	17th March.

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FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL ON
LIVERPOOL	"TYDEUS"	24th January.
"	"DARDANUS"	20th February.

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Hongkong, 20th January, 1903.

CHINA NAVIGATION CO., LIMITED.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
CEBU and ILOILO	"KAIFONG"	21st January.
MANILA	"BUNGEIANG"	22nd "
SHANGHAI	"HUPEI"	22nd "
MANILA	"TSINAN"	16th February.
PORT DARWIN, THURSDAY ISLAND, COOKTOWN, CAIRNS, TOWNS- VILLE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY and MELBOURNE	"TSINAN"	16th "

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FOR FOCHOW	"ANPING MARU"	J. Gold	WEDNESDAY, 28th January.
FOR TAMSUI	"DAIJIN MARU"	T. Ogata	SUNDAY, 1st February.

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Hongkong, 19th January, 1903.

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Hongkong, 10th January, 1903. [350]

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Hongkong, 20th January, 1903. [730]

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Hongkong, 19th January, 1903. [530]

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STEAMERS.

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951 Tons, Captain Murphy, leaves HONG-
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modation for First Class Passengers. Ship lighted
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Hongkong, 19th January, 1903. [1200]

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passengers, Electric light, and carries a doctor.For Information as to Passage and Freight
apply toSANDER, WIELER & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 15th January, 1903. [160]

Consignees.

STEAMSHIP "SALAZIE."

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES
MARITIMES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo from London and
Havre, ex s.s. *Lido*, and from Bordeaux,
ex s.s. *Ville d'Arras* and *Ville Rochefort*, in
connection with above Steamer, are hereby
informed that their Goods, with the exception
of Opium, Treasure and Valuables are being
landed and stored at their risks into the Godowns
of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown
Co., Limited, at Kowloon, whence delivery may
be obtained immediately after landing.Optional Cargo will be forwarded on unless
intimation is received from the Consignees
before Noon, TO-DAY, the 15th instant, request-
ing it to be landed here.Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the
Undersigned. Goods remaining unclaimed
after WEDNESDAY, the 21st instant, at Noon,
will be subject to rent and landing charges.All claims must be sent in to me on or before
the 21st instant, or they will not be recognised.All damaged packages will be examined on
WEDNESDAY, the 21st instant, at 3 P.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
Agent.

Hongkong, 15th January, 1903. [1000]

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION
COMPANY, LIMITED.FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND
SINGAPORE.

THE Company's Steamship

"LAISANG."

having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees
of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their
Goods will be delivered from alongside.Cargo impeding the discharge or remaining
on board after 4 P.M. the 21st instant, will be
landed at Consignees' risk and expense into
Godowns at East Point.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 19th January, 1903. [710]

Consignees.

"BEN" LINE OF STEAMERS.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

S.S. "BENGLOE."

FROM ANTWERP, LONDON AND
STRAITS.CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby
informed that all Goods are being landed
at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong
and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company,
Limited, whence delivery may be obtained.No Claims will be admitted after the Goods
have left the Godowns, and all Goods unde-
livered after the 21st instant will be subject
to rent.All Claims against the Steamer must be pre-
sented to the Undersigned on or before the 31st
January, or they will not be recognised.All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are
to be left in the Godowns, where they will be
examined on the 21st instant, at 11 A.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 14th January, 1903. [550]

AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVI-
GATION COMPANY.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM TRIESTE, FIUME, PORT SAID,
ADEN, COLOMBO, PENANG
AND SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship

"AUSTRIA."

having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby
informed that their Goods are being landed at
their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong
and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company,
Limited, whence delivery may be obtained.Yarn will be landed at Lap-Sap-Wan Godown
Lot No. 1295-6.Optional Cargo will be discharged here, un-
less notice to the contrary be given immediately.No Claims will be admitted after the Goods
have left the Godowns, and all Claims must be
sent in to the Office of the Undersigned before
Noon, on the 22nd instant, or they will not be
recognised.No Fire Insurance has been effected, and
any Goods remaining in the Godowns after the
22nd instant will be subject to rent.Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
SANDER, WIELER & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 15th January, 1903. [370]

"MOGUL" LINE OF STEAMERS.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

S.S. "BRAEMAR."

FROM GLASGOW, LIVERPOOL AND
STRAITS.CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed
that all Goods are being landed at their
risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and
Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, at
Kowloon, whence and/or from the wharves
delivery may be obtained.Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless
notice to the contrary be given before 5 P.M.,
TO-DAY.No Claims will be admitted after the Goods
have left the Godowns, and all Goods remain-
ing undelivered after the 22nd instant, will be
subject to rent.All Claims against the Steamer must be pre-
sented to the Undersigned on or before the 25th
instant, or they will not be recognised.All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are
to be left in the Godowns, where they will be
examined on the 22nd instant, at 3 P.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
DODWELL & Co., LIMITED,
Agents.

Hongkong, 15th January, 1903. [590]

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